

# **Itai no wa Iya nanode Bōgyo-Ryoku ni Kyokufuri Shitai to Omoimasu**

I hate being in pain, so I think I'll make a full defense build

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# Chapter 56

## Defense Specialization and Major Failure

Next morning.

Kaede wake up from the bed.

“I am getting excited and could not sleep well...”

Kaede was unable to get a good sleep for the first time.

Kaede started walking towards school when she finished dressing up.

“It’s pretty hot today,”

Kaede advanced the way to school in a hurry to avoid the heat.

As she enters the classroom, Risa is already there.

Since they are going to school early as usual, there are only two people in the classroom.

“Good morning Kaede”

“Good Morning Risa!”

Kaede approached Liza after putting her luggage in her seat.

“I manage to come to school somehow, it don’t feel like seven day has passed!”

“Indeed. well, that will happen if you stay inside for seven days... Oh yeah, Kaede should be careful to.”

“Huh? What?”

Even if she has been told to be careful, Kaede did not know what to watch out for.

“In game you always guarded against monster and player all the time, right? That might become a habit in real world”

Risa says that in case if a habit of maple or sally come out when they are out of control.

“But, I have played quite long already, but i still haven’t ever done that?”

“Well, just in case, Kaede had never logged in for seven days in a row.”

“That’s true... un, got it! I am gonna be careful for it.”

While talking about that, Chirahora and other students come into the classroom.

Kaede cut back the story and returned to his seat five minutes before the class started.

The way home on that day.

Kaede arrived at his room with unsteady step and fill his face with a pillow.

“.....I’d like to say that I did not have today Good”

Kaede looks back on the day today.

First Period

“.....Su~u... su~u”

Kaede who was unable to sleep well yesterday was falling asleep unusually.

As her seat close to the window, the moderately sunny environment also increased the drowsiness.

And those who rarely fall asleep are still acting as usual.

Risa is a human being of that type.

A girl in the seat next to Kaede is told by the teacher and wake Maple from her drowsiness.

“N... n?... Fu ~a... is it time to change lookout?... Are?”

While stretching out and saying it in a loud voice.

The classroom laughed at Kaede's remarks.

Then, Kaede remembered where she is now, but it was already late.

"That's way I told you to be careful."

Risa murmured with a low voice as she saw Kaede.

"Concentrate on the lesson"

"Ye... Ye... s, sorry"

This is one of them.

Next was a break time after the third Period.

A corridor on the way home from the toilet to the classroom.

There were many people going out from the class, So the corridor full of student.

At that time, it happened that the girls walking behind Kaede collided when passing with other students, dropping the textbooks and pencil case that they had in their hands.

Of course, when it falls to the ground, there is a sound.

"...!"

Kaede decides to turn neatly and thrusts her left hand and brings her right hand to her waist.

It was a move that has been repeatedly practiced repeatedly by Risa.

If this was the right place it would have been a perfect reaction.

But neither big shield nor dagger is here.

"E...? e...?"

The girls studded hard by looking at Kaede who suddenly posed in front of her.

When Kaede slowly pulled her arm, she fell awkwardly with an awkward smile and quickly left the spot.

At this point Kaede's mental is already drenched.

If anyone makes a big mistake in front of people, anyone tension will go down.

Kaede will pay attention to her actions not to fail anymore.

However, if something happen twice it will happen again.

It is common to fail as much as you think if you try not to fail.

After lunch, physical education.

It's Dodgeball at the gym.

Kaede and Risa are on the same team.

At this point the annihilation of Kaede's team has ceased.

Whatever you do your best does not match Risa.

Although the opposing team is obsessively targeting Risa, it does not hit.

Unlike in the game, there is no need to avoid it in a moment, so she can evade it.

"As amazing as ever..."

If she stopped watching Lisa at this point, the biggest failure this time could have never occurred.

".....Kaede!"

If the opponent team who aimed at Risa suddenly changed the aim, the probability of being caught will rise.

It was Kaede who was aimed this time.

Because Kaede was watching Risa, Her responds was delayed.

When Kaede saw the ball in response to Risa's voice, the ball was already flying straight towards Her.

If it was a former Kaede, it would be crouchingly squatting and jumping sideways.

However, the way Kaede avoiding something that flew at her way recently was not the case.

“[Cover mo...]... ah!”

Although she noticed it at the moment, and closed her mouth with both hands, but in that state she could not avoiding the ball.

Face-safe was not applied.

“Kaede! Are you alright?”

“I am okay...”

For Kaede, there was no problem except for suddenly shouting something.

Because the girls here were not playing NewWorld Online except Risa, it was happiness in unfortunate event that no one understand what Kaede said.

“I need to take a break for a while...”

“It’s fine”

Kaede was able to drop in with his back on the wall.

This is all today’s mistake.

“.....I should stop playing the game for a while”

For three days straight, Kaede never logged in just in case.

Did the result come out or did the matter has been decided?

Three days later, Kaede will not fail at all.

This “Three Days” Kaede has not got any information about NewWorld Online.

Risa also took a lot of attention.

# Chapter 57

## Defense Specialization and New Elements

Maple logs in after three days and waits for Sally at the open space.

After waiting for a while Sally comes.

“Sorry, did you wait?”

“No, I have not waited so long, what are we going to do today?”

“U n... Thats right, how much maple know about these three days?”

“E?... I don’t know anything at all, I made it so that I could freed from the game influnce.”

Maple does not know what happened in this game in the last three days.

Not only not log in to the game, she even shut down the game information.

“Then, I will explain it one by one”

“Un, please.”

“First of all, the big shield has a newly added skill, it was a skill to resist penetration attacks”

“Oh!”

Maple was very happy hearing it.

According to Sally, the method to obtain it was informed by the operation.

Maple decide to look at the skill later, and Sally speaks the continuation.

“That’s why this is important, but before that maple after the event done... a new element was added”

“New element?”

“A golden insect called “light insects (Pikachū)” came out somewhere in the field”

According to Sally, various kinds of insects appear in the field, and when it's defeated it will definitely drop "proof of light insects (pikachū no akashi)". (TN: A Pikachu has appeared. no its not my doing i just write the romaji that goggle-sensei show)

"What do you use that for?"

"It is necessary to buy the new element "guild home""

"Guild... home?"

"There are lots of buildings that you can't enter in this town right?"

"Yup"

Just looking around the map they are many building.

But, You can't enter most of this building.

Except for the NPC shops and blacksmiths that players borrow by paying money to NPC.

"You can buy one for one proof, the rank of the guild home that you can buy depending on the type of insect you have"

"Fumufumu, Now I understand"

Sally talks about the benefits of status improvement as a good thing of "guild home", then begins to talk about the number of 'insects'.

"There are limits to the number of the "light insects (Pikachū)"...there are only a same number of buildings available"

"E e!?"

"The operation seems to gradually increase the number of buildings little by little"

But that does not lead to an increase in the number of current "light insects (Pikachū)".

In other words, it won't compesate for any insect that maple missed.

"the... Then, We must hurry up and search for it!"

For Maple who want to experience "guild home".

If she can't acquire the certificate this time, she don't know when the next will be.

And, she could not waited it forever.



“Maple”

“Wh... What?”

Sally manipulates the blue screen and take out something from her inventory.

“I already have it, I think that Maple want it.”

“Oh... Oh! Thank you!”

“But... this can only get the right to buy “guild home” and you need money to buy it.”

“That... how much?”

“5 million gold”

“5...!?”

Maple confirms his money.

Maple did not need money, so she did not save for it.

Therefore, the possession money of Maple had only a little as 50,000 gold.

“Well... let’s make money today, I want “guild home” as soon as possible”

Then Maple tries to walk out of town

“Maple”

“What?”

Sally approaches maple while showing her status screen.

Point a part of it partly and show it to Maple.

In Sally’s possession money column there are five, one zero with six zeros.

“I have already prepared this”

“that’s amazing! Sally is amazing!”

“Hehe..... more praise me more”

There was nothing outrageous to earned this amount of money, it just collecting and selling drop items with full power for three days repeatedly.

After being praised for Maple for a while, Sally speaks.

Sally says to head towards the house that can be bought by Maple and Maple agrees with it.

Maple also began walking along following Sally who knew the place.

“Money, can i return it this time?”

“Well... well you don't need to return it so much. If you really want to return something, just find something suitable to me?”

“I understood, I gonna search it!”

“Anytime it's okay”

Sally stops his foot when walking near the edge of the town.

It would be inconvenient to use central plaza and NPC shops.

“It should be around here?”

“You walked a lot,”

“The proof that I got is low in rank... you can buy a guild home in the center of the town if the proof of a better rank is available”

“Just getting it is enough!”

Maple did not care about the size of “guild home” etc.

According to Maple's personality, thought, it was normal to think so.

While walking for a while Maple found a “guild home”.

“Here... Should be fine”

The back of a road with no traffic.

A quietly existing “guild home” had a hideout atmosphere.

“Surely, I hear that they like maple.”

“Is it OK here?”

“Yeah, it's okay,”

Then Sally took out the “proof of light insects (pikachū no akashi)” and pressed it against the door.

The white glow filled the alley and the door slowly opened.

The two go inside.

“Oh... quite wide”

When inside they confirmed the interiors at once, wooden furniture of calm color at the center.

In the back of the room, a blue panel was fitted in the wall, and so they could register the guild member by entering the information there.

Because Sally gave the guild master position to Maple Maple is a guild master.

Sally declined the guild master to say that she will stop this time.

“This is still the lowest class guild but... you can still register up to 50 people,”

“Its two stories, but... how much can fit?”

“Well, it may not be comfortable because it has a limit value... who shall we invite? If we not hurry everyone will enter another guild?”

“.....Shall I ask Kasumi and Kanade!”

“I thought about it too, I think it’s good.”

Maple sends a message to them.

Reply comes from two people in a few minutes.

Fortunately neither of them belonged to the guild.

And they are happy for Maple invitation.

“Yatta! Sally! I am gonna going to the square for a while!”

“Take care”

Maple opened the door swiftly and ran away. *(TN: with 0 Agility)*

Maple arrives at the square.

They were sitting on the edge of the fountain in the center, but when they noticed Maple they came closer.

Maple talks about Kanade and Kasumi introduced them.

“Thank you for both of you! I’m glad you accepted it”

“I am glad you invited me, too”

“Oh, thanks”

While thanking both of them and walking together.

At that time.

“Wha...”

When Maple was staring at the person in peace, the other side came near and noticed it.

“Oh, it’s been a while after the event”

“Chrome-san! It’s been a long time.”

That person was chrome.

The person that Maple meet at the top of a snowy mountain.

“How was the event for Maple? You also entered the snowy mountain after us, right?”

That is, of course, the dwelling place of the monster.

“It was strong, but, I managed to win”

He was expecting that Maple has been defeated it, but he was more surprised by actually hearing it from the person’s mouth.

Well, I guess she defeated “that”.

“Well, with that strength you can join any guild you want... Well... There are places that have some conditions too...”

“Guild..... That’s right! Would you like to join my guild too, if you don’t have any plan yet?”

Chrome had a party at the 2nd event, so Maple thought it was impossible.

Therefore, she didn't send a message, but she thought that she would talk to him if she meet him.

"Is it okay? If Maple is good, I am willing to enter..."

Chrome said that the last party for the event was only once at that time.

In other words, chrome is free now.

With that, Maple took Chrome and four people headed to "Guild Home".

"I'm home!"

"Welcome back, are you brought Chrome too?"

"I met him by chance and asked him to join!"

"Well, let's register all of them"

Three newly people finish inputting their name to the blue panel at the back of the room.

"By the way... Have you decide the Guild name?."

"Maple decides, because she is the Guild Master"

"I think that is good as well"

"Yes, I agree."

Maple tries to think from four people.

After a while Maple entered the Guild name in the panel.

## **[Maple Tree]**

This guild named by Maple acts as a small guild.

And later it will be called [Outer Devil's] or [Makai], but that is still ahead.

# Chapter 58

## Defense Specialization and Production Materials

Maple flies past the fields on the back of syrup.

We are going to faraway place and it much faster than walking,so it can be helped.

“Kanade! Best regards for today”

“Leave it to me!”

The reason why she riding with Kanade today is for gathering materials.

The next day, after cofirming the guild formation the new guild finally started.

Today, they are going to the mine to stock up material for the workshop inside [Guild Home].

The other three people, Sally, Chrome, and Kasumi are heading to different places to collect wood and drop items.

Because Kanade poured all her ability for production, Battle was cleared by Maple.  
Originally,Kanade not good at exercising, so she can't fight properly.

Instead, the level of production skills is high.

Weapons, cloth products, accessories, furniture.

Everything is possible.

“Because I can have an escort,can I go [Mining]!”

Since Kanade had [Mining V], she decided to head to the mine.

To excavate an ore.

Because the golem also comes out on the mine, golem material collection is Maple job.

“This time [God Archive (Akashic Records )] was helpful”

Kanade explains this skill to all guild members.

[God Archive (Akashic Records )]

Acquire a total of nine skills, randomly from production skills, combat skills, and other skills, three each at a time.

Skill level is medium or fixed.

Acquisition skill disappears after one day of use.

Skills already acquired are not chosen.

“Weapons skills other than canes are useless, so it will be up to you whether you will be able to fight or not.”

When Kanade level up, she got enough strength to fight even without this skill, But, this skill has a secret value.

It is the key to creating a new strategy.

Kanade can use different skills every day.

Sometimes, It exerts a terrible effect.

“I can see it!”

“Let’s go!”

Even though magic and arrow flew several times on their way, every time it happened Maple took care of it by jumping in to the front of the player.

The reason why the attack stopped was not because Maple’s attention was working but it was because they were surprised at Maple that suddenly appeared, but such a thing was unknown to Maple.

“Because we are going to the mine interior, please stay close with me”

“Roger!”

They advance in the cave which continues into the mine.

Although there are no beautiful crystals like in the snail cave, but you can find the ore exposed in many places, so Kanade will use [Mining] as soon as she finds it.

“Let’s keep going!”

“Un, let’s do that”

As syrup is put back in the ring, Maple only protecting Kanade.

Since golem did not use big shields and [poison dragon (hydra)], she was able to beat them with a weak poison attack.

While collect the golem’s drop items as well.

There are various types of ores in this mine, but high-quality ores don’t come out so often.

“Iron ore, ash crystal, stones...”

The sound of Kanade Pickaxe echoes.

Every time an ore is obtained, nothing noteworthy to mention.

The two advanced steadily down the division road and finished mining from the mining point at the far end.

“Well... let’s just focus on quantity than quality!”

Says Maple.

“No... if it like this...”

It seemed that Kanade could not approve of drift.

Ore is better than quantity.

“A, how about the way back?..... Will we able to come out properly?.”

“I remember everything if it’s a way back so it’s okay?”

“Oh! Not bad, then... please give me a guide”



Kanade went on without any hesitation in the cave with many divisions, and she was able to go outside without mistaking the way.

Sally were in the forest.

Here is the main battle, collecting drop items.

“Aren’t Sally-chan really amazing?”

Chrome mocks.

Before Chrome’s eyes there is a sally that attacking enemy while avoiding.

Although it seems like some attack will hit her, it does not hit even once.

“O... amazing... Aura”

It’s Sally that mutters.

A pale aura overflows from Sally’s body.

Sally defeated the monster for Maple and sold the drop item and prepared a large amount of gold.

At that time the level rose.

And she got a skill.

<p>[Sword Dance] Every time you attack, STR rise 1% Up to 100% Rising value disappears when damaged.</p>
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The acquisition condition was no damage until reaching level 25.

A pale aura is due to this skill.

When against Sally.

She have to attack in order to beat it, but it will be disadvantageous if she attack.

“I can’t do maple with this”

“E... how much is maple’s VIT value?”

“Should i ask Maple? I think she will tell me?”

While saying so, Sally glanced at Chrome.

Chrome’s battle would be a steady if it represents in a single word.

Take the attack with a big shield and damage it by cutting with a dagger.

How he use big shields is good, and playing the attack properly.

Furthermore, he stood while checking the state of the game so as not to be surrounded.

“Is that the original way to use shield”

“Yeah...”

There was no flashy move like Maple, but PS definitely exceeded Maple.

As Maple does not need to take attacks with a shield like Chrome, how she use the big shields is not good.

The body is harder than the big shield.

Rather, there are many people who are pulling big shields to leave bad snacks.

“This guild is a minority [normally] that is...”

Maple, Sally, Kanade are abnormal frames.

Kasumi, Chrome is a normal frame.

It sticking one foot into an abnormal frame in terms of production.

Chrome also finished the battle safely and three people arrive on the way back.

“Me too..... would I become abnormal in this guild?”

“Am I supposed to be that way?”

“Maybe it will tint into maple colors”

It is a subtle place whether to be obediently pleased.

This time it is the number that is exerting power using the materials that each brought back.

The two pairs meet outside the town, and went in together.

It is a conspicuous five persons.

Maple is quite obvious.

Chrome and Kasumi are the winners of the first event. Equipment is also luxurious and eye-catching.

Several people reflexively withdraw their weapons when looking at Sally.

Kanade collapsed and assembled with rubixcube at high speed repeatedly to kill time.

# Chapter 59

## Defense Specialization and Quest 1

The Day after material gathering, Maple was walking around in town alone at the 2nd stage because the other members are unable to match her login time today. Because of that she has no choice but to go solo.

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> event, Maple didn't have the chance to explore the 2<sup>nd</sup> town properly. So she is thinking of exploring this town to some extent today.

"It's not good to force them to accompany me ne~"

Besides that, Maple also wants to leisurely explore alone.

Her First goal is to search for Sally's equipment.

Next is to search for a skill or equipment that will make her stronger.

Maple still doesn't have head equipment so her target is something for her head.

Maple talked with the NPC that she sees, one after another.

But with her status, she was not able to trigger any event.

It is the case where event requires status other than VIT.

For example in Sally's [Super Acceleration], even if she talks with the key NPC for that event, nothing will happen.

"Maybe I should try to go and see the edge of town"

Leaving from the town's center, the number of people who walk around decreases.

There are buildings that can be seen as [Guild Home], because of that Maple can't go inside.

She tried to go around the back alleys and was able to find few buildings that she can enter but they are just empty houses.

“Oo! I can go in here too”

Maple made a cracking sound on the door when she opens it.

Inside the room, there is a girl lying on a tattered bed being taken care of by a woman who looks like her mother.

“Ara? A guest? Pardon me”

“A-, don't worry”

“Are you okay?..... Sorry, It's painful right?”

Because Maple is getting awkward with the atmosphere, she tried to get out silently but, the woman after taking care of her daughter goes to Maple's place.

“Ano... Are you a Knight”

“Eh...? U-un, Wa- what about it?”

If you look at Maple's Equipment, instead of a magic user or a swordsman, being called a Knight actually fits her appearance.

“Sir Knight! Please! Help My Daughter! I can't give anything back but... Please, please... just please”

In front of Maple's eye, a Blue color panel is floating.

Quest [Benevolence Knight]

Under these words, there is a Yes and No being displayed as well.

Maple press "yes" once.

Because Maple is being asked for help, she can't press "no".

Even if there is no compensation, she doesn't mind.

“Th-thank you very much! We need my daughter's medicine... but it looks I can't go

alone... I will guide you so please take me with you.”

“.....Understood! I will protect you!”

The woman approach Maple.

Above the woman’s head a HP Bar is floating. It seems like if the quest is not properly handled, the quest can't be repeated.

And here Blue monitor/windows appear, the details of the quest are explained in there.

Maple made sure to carefully read the details and the quest goal.

The Goal is to make sure that the woman is alive till they arrived at the destined place.

There no time limit.

“For now, isn’t it fine to take her outside?”

When Maple steps outside of the house the woman began to talk.

“We will go to the [Tree of Life], from here go straight to the east”

“Okay”

Maple called out Syrup and like always she got on its back.

Because the woman had a setting that she must stand within 2 meter radius with Maple as the center, when Maple got on Syrup back, using Syrup’s leg as a foothold the woman jump following Maple.

“Aren't you actually strong? You're more powerful than me isn't it?”

“We aim for the east”

“a, yes..... [Psychokinesis]!”

Like always Syrup is floating and they smoothly fly heading east.

# Chapter 60

## Defense Specialization and Quest 2

“Now that we can see the forest, There’s the Entrance, go in from there”  
“This, Can't we just go flying?”

Maple get off in front of the forest and called back syrup into the ring.

“Saa, Let's Hurry up!”  
“Un! This way is good right?”

There was a small path in front of them.

Because the woman points at that path, there should be no mistake.

Maple goes deeper and deeper.

Because the woman is always at the range of [Cover], protecting her will be easy.

Originally there should be battles before they can reach the forest, but because Maple has her own special way, she was able to avoid that.

Of course, that way is Syrup.

“[Paralyze Shout]!”

Because Maple’s attack doesn't affect the woman, even if Maple is surrounded, she just needs to use this skill calmly.

“For now its okay not to beat them right?”

But Maple is different from other players, she is slow.

And it increases the chance of being attacked.

Guided by the woman, when they arrive at the middle of the forest, her skill "Bizarre Eater" already run out of use.

"Let's change to crystal shield"

Changing equipment with a shield that emits purple color, Maple followed the woman.

"That's! That's the [Tree of Life]!"

The tree that the woman came over to was only half as large as the surrounding trees

"It looks different from what I thought"

What Maple imagined was a huge tree that emits holy light

"This Leaf work well for illness"

Woman takes several leaves from branches and shows it to Maple.

"hee..... Is that so. Is it okay if I take some too?"

Maple tried to take some but was blocked by an invisible wall. She can't go near the tree.

It looks like players can only collect it as a limited event item.

"It's okay now"

"Then, let's go back"

Maple summons Syrup and make him fly. After that she uses "Enlarge" because there is not enough space down there.

"Syrup Please!"

Syrup's altitude is higher than the usual.

Maple thinks of what to do for a moment but she came up with a good idea.

It's not climbing the tree.



Of course, it's not a jump too.

“[Crystal wall]!”

From Maple Feet Purple Crystal extend and bounce maple up.

Of course it's not how this skill is originally used

“Syrup!”

Bounced up Maple was bit by Syrup from head till around her shoulder.

If other people see this, it will become a shocking spectacle for sure.

Doesn't matter how you see it, Flying Turtle that eats people can only can be seen in paintings.

And like that Maple was thrown away into Syrup's back and got in place.

“A..... What should I do with her...?”

When Maple wants to check the woman NPC under her, she just jumped from up the tree and fly to Syrup's foot.

“EEEEEE!?”

“Let's go. My daughter's already waiting”

“Ye-yes”

Maple Fly up to the sky.

That time Maple muttered what comes inside her mind

“This person can absolutely go alone.....”

It can't be helped if you think with that woman's power, she can go to the forest normally

And After that when they flew out from the forest.

“Haa..... Haa..... Thank you for protecting me. If it's like before, I must be already done

for..."

"Ee!? W-What are you talking about so suddenly?"

Maple didn't do anything special.

She just fly in the sky.

Nope, just flying in the sky is already counted as abnormal.

Originally, stronger monsters will be their opponents. Large Shield Equipment with lack of Attack power will be easily defeated.

The woman words, can be heard after overcoming that.

Because Maple just goes through it without encountering any, it became a weird.

"Sir Knight you sure are gentle"

"Ee... to..... Somehow, I'm sorry"

Maple somehow feels sorry but she doesn't say anything.

Because Maple can't bear the atmosphere, she hurry up to go back to the town

"Yoshi! Arrive!"

Maple Get down from Syrup in front of the town, and unsummon syrup back to the ring.

Next aim is this woman's house.

"Thank you very much! I will go first"

The woman hurried up and run towards her home.

Maple speed can't follow her.

".....Let's go slowly"

Since the event will not continue till Maple arrives in there, it's not like everything will

be done before that. This is how the setting is set up.

After walking for a while, Maple arrives at the woman house.

When Maple opened the door, the woman was just about to let the girl drink something.

A Dark Deep Green Liquid is in a container.

For Maple, just from seeing it, it looks bitter and makes her doesn't want to drink it. The girl who drank it also makes a stiffed face.

“.....How is it?”

“Kehoo,kehoo..... Un... I feel much better..... gohoo,Gohoo” (*cough voice*)

“What a terrible cough...! aaa! What should I do!”

The woman despaired.

That time, in front of maple a blue window appear.

Quest [Benevolence knight (Hakuai no Kishi) 2]
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A new quest skill occurred.

Of course Maple accepts it.

“Sir Knight, do you still want to help me?”

“e,un... as expected I can't leave it alone.”

Even now the girl is still coughing non-stop, it looks her condition is getting worse.

“Then... please take me to the [Fountain Of Demons] the Place is northwest after you go out from the town!”

“un, Understood”

After saying that the woman go out first to the town.

“N?... I acquired a skill”

[Benevolence knight]

Even though the name is already at her skill column, it doesn't have any effect. What in there is just the name of the skill.

“Nn? There's no effect?..... is it because the event is not done yet?”  
If it's like that, then Maple right now can't just drop the quest.

Maple goes out to the town.

“It's to the Northwest!”  
“Ookee. Northwest it is”

It's already become natural for Maple to use Syrup and fly and head toward northwest.

Surrounding players too are not surprised, as the number of people who saw it and the people who hear the rumors about Maple already increased.

Oh, it's just Maple like always.

It became that kind of way of thinking

When you always come across with unnatural things, it will become a natural one.

Maybe the day where all players will think something like, “aa today, Maple is flying in the sky huu”, is not that far away.

“It will not end with the 2nd right..... there must be a third...”

Maple muttered

Because it felt like it will be a half-hearted quest if it ends at number 2. And the content of the quest doesn't change at all. It doesn't seem it will end with this one.

“Aa!? [Bizarre Eater] still not recovered!”

Maple noticed something while at Syrup's back.

It will probably become dangerous if she needs to fight.

“uun..... If it doesn't look good, we can just go and retreat.”

It will be meaningless if the woman dies.

For now Maple will just go toward their destination and after that she will check from sky the situation around the fountain before going down.

# Chapter 61

## Defense Specialization and Quest 3

While flying, Maple saw the fountain below her.

This time, the woman didn't say anything, so she came to the location straight from the top.

The fountain that she saw is surrounded by rocks and most of those rocks are standing tall.

"For now, let's go down near it"

After dropping off near it, she called Syrup back into the ring and head for the fountain with the woman.

There seemed to be no monsters around the fountain, so we arrived at the fountain without any trouble. The woman looked back to Maple after she collects the fountain water.

"Sir Knight! Thank you very much!"

"No... , I am not doing anything praiseworthy..."

"Let's hurry home!"

"A, un. That's right."

We go back to the spot where we got off from Syrup. Maple then summons Syrup and starts to fly with it.

They returned safely back to town and the woman gave her daughter the water.

Maple is just standing there watching them.

“How do you feel?”

“D- Don’t worry, I’m fine”

Although the girl says so, her complexion is bad and her body is slightly trembling.  
She didn’t seem to be OK.

Naturally, the next quest appears before Maple.

Quest [Benevolence knight 3]
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“Un, Like I thought”

The next quest occurs as Maple expected.

Maple tries to check the skill [Benevolence Knight],but the skill is still displayed only as a name. So, she decided to take the quest.

“Sir Knight! Thank you very much!”

“It’s alright, it’s alright”

“There is a huge town far away from here and I've heard rumors that there are rings to heal your body just by putting it in..... I'm sorry for asking again, could you bring me there?”

“Huge... Town, maybe the first town?”

The first town when Maple starts this game.

It was the only huge town in Maple’s mind.

“That means... The ring is maybe that...”

Maple takes one ring out of her inventory.

A Rare drop that Maple got in the first stage.

The [Ring of the Forest Queen Bee].

“Sir Knight! You brought it! Oh, How can I show you my gratitude...”

“A... this is OK”

Maple thinks of giving away the ring which has not been equipped recently to the lady.  
The Ring is a rare drop, she didn't know when she can get it again.  
Maple gives the lady the ring that she has.

“I'll give it to you...”

The Lady puts the ring on her daughter.

Then a quest clear notification shows in front of Maple. That proves that the ring is the correct item.

“U, gu~ ... ga,”

“...are you fine? ... is there any pain?”

“Gu~ ...!”

The girl had a distorted face because of the pain, then suddenly she jumped out of bed, opened the door roughly and ran outside the house.

“Wa, wait!”

The lady also chase her.

A notice of new quest appears in front of the Maple who was left by the mother and daughter.

Quest [Benevolence Knight 4]
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Maple naturally takes it.

“For the time being... Let's chase after them”



“There!”

When she got out of town, Maple saw the woman sitting down.

When Maple approaches, the woman starts talking.

“Ū ~ ... Sir Knight...! My daughter...”

“Where did she go? Is she Safe?!”

“My daughter goes to the [Temple of Everlasting]... It is dangerous there!”

“.....I will take her back!”

“I will guide you there...! This is to save my daughter...”

Maple wanted to go alone but since she can't refuse the lady, Maple decided to take her.

Following the Lady guidance, she came further to the place in northwest, passing the fountain that they were at earlier.

There, was an old temple that looks like it will collapse anytime.

There is no doubt that this is the [Temple of Everlasting (tokoyami no shinden)].

Maple enters the temple after returning Syrup to the ring.

The daughter was at the very deep of this simple structure with only one hall surrounded by walls and ceiling. The lady is about to run over there, but a jet-black fog blows out from the daughter's body.

The fog attacked the lady while it had a humanoid shape.

“[Cover Move]! [Cover]!”

It was confirmed at the first quest that [Cover Move] and [Cover] is can be used for the lady.

Maple suspends the fog attack with her shield when she moved between the two.

“.....! [Bizarre Eater] ga~ ...!

Maple had forgotten that [Bizarre Eater] has not recovered because quests have progressed so well.

The fog shaped humanoid whose attack was prevented keeps his distance from Maple.

“[Poisonous Dragon (hydra)] I never think about using it...”

“Gugi... gagagaga”

“.....That is not good, is it?”

Maple regarded the humanoid who raises a creepy voice despite having no mouth as a monster.

“Gigigi...!”

“[Cover]!”

The jumping movement of the enemy is monotonous, so she defend against it securely.

However, Maple has limited means of attack. Since she cannot defeat it right away, she carefully observes the timing of using her skills. Naturally, the battle was prolonged.

Then when Maple was enduring for a while, the humanoid suddenly began to cry scratching his head.

“Gugaaaaa... a a ~aa a!!”

As there were no parts on its face there was no facial expression, but it seemed to be suffering from pain. The humanoid's arm change shape to something like a spear.

“!! [Cover]”

Although she quickly move to protect the lady, she was only able to sparingly defend against it. The sharp attack on both arms was apparently a defense penetration attack.

“Ku u... u!”

It was impossible to Parry both arm's attacks with a big shield.

Maple's HP is being scraped away, but Maple did not stop using [Cover].

It was obvious that the lady is in danger if she got hit by it.

"Gugaaaaa! Gaga... guga..."

"E...?"

The humanoid shape fog that attacked Maple suddenly stopped attacking and took distance from Maple.

"Gugi... gugu..."

The humanoid shape fog who stuck to the ground with his head gradually blurred and eventually disappeared.

"I, I was saved.....?"

Maple's HP bar has around 20% remaining. She was aiming for a counter - clock counter, but it would have been dangerous if the battle continued.

"Is that... The work of the [Demonic Holy Water]"

"Is that... from the fountain before?"

"Maybe my daughter is... being possessed by a Devil"

This happened because Maple was not attacked at [Benevolence Knight 2], so she successfully cleared it.

If that woman or player can go back to town without dying, that quest will be successful. If you die, the quest will fail.

In either case the quest will move to the next stage.

However, it is difficult for players with large shield equipment to fight against the fog humanoid without clearing the Fountain Quest.

"A... Quest Clear..."

Although I cleared the current quest, no new quest occurred.

And, the Skill is still the same.

“Let's go to my daughter!”

“A, un. That’s right!”

Maple and the lady rush to the girl.

The girl was asleep as if he was dead. It does not respond at all even if she was rocked to wake up.

“For the time being... let’s take her home”

The lady lift her daughter and left the temple.

At the same time a blue panel appears in front of Maple.

[Benevolence Knight 5] comes up.

Again, [Benevolence Knight] Damage to mothers in Quests 1 to 4 is lower than the reference value.

Extra Quest [Dedicated Charity] occurred. Please choose either route.
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“N n?”

Maple tilt his neck in an unexpected situation.

# Chapter 62

## Defense Specialization and Skill Acquisition

After choosing the extra quest route, Maple went out of the temple to look for the lady but the lady was nowhere to be found.

“they seem to have go home first...?”

After exploring around the temple for a while, Maple also head back to town with Syrup.

Upon arriving, Maple headed for the lady’s house immediately.

“.....How is it going?”

Maple opens the door of the lady's house quietly.

The girl was asleep.

The hurt expression that she had so far disappeared, it was a calm sleeping face.

“Sir Knight..... My daughter..... My daughter won’t wake up.....”

Maple approached the girl to check the situation, but it showed that the girl was not breathing.

“Er,... No way? Huh?”

“I... I'm buying an apple for my daughter... Because my daughter likes apples.....”

The lady went out as she said so, with a gauntly footsteps.

She did not seem to be in a normal state as she won’t accept the current situation.

“E... e!?, the quest has advanced!”

Maple has confirmed the current quest that she had, but noticed that the girl's body began to shine lightly.

Maple stands right next to the girl.

Maple checks the girl and was observing as to what was going on.

“Letters..... of light?”

Yellow light overflowing from the girl formed letters in the air.

“Three days later... [A corrupted church]?”

After Maple took a little look at the letters, the light overflowing from the girl faded away and disappeared.

“I wonder if I should go there...? But where is that place... There was a library in this town... Shall I look it up in there?”

Maple went out outside, and as if to replace her the lady came back.

Maple came to the library as intended.

“Well... There is a map, right?”

Maple looks for books with maps on the second layer.

Although she found some map, there was nothing written in detail.

At most it is enough to learn the terrain.

“U n... it was different from what I thought.....”

As there is still much time left for the quest, Maple decided to stop the game here and cut out the investigation for today.

Next day.

Maple came out of the library after investigating.

“Was it on the history shelf?... I must have missed it...”

Maple discovered some note written about the church in the corner of the book about the history in this game.

“Three days later... I do not know what’s in there, I guess I should buy some potion”

Maple was getting ready for anything that gonna happen three day later.

“It is comfortable thanks to Syrup!”

Maple praise Syrup while heading south.

She get off from syrup at the entrance of the forest which spread to the south, and goes into the forest.

“I can afford it if there is no one to protect”

Occasionally appearing monsters hit her armor and make a Gashan Gashan noise.

But, they cannot damage Maple.

It was nothing new for Maple

However, Maple did not use Syrup and she was incredibly slow so it took about two hours to get to the church.

“Ha~a... I have not walked lately...”

Maple was tired and thought that she should walk to explore occasionally.

In front of Maple there was a ruffled church at last.

“Yoshi, Let’s enter it!”

The door has already gone away, and the interior has been eroded by ivy and vegetation.

Maple walks in the center of the room where the chair is lining up.

On the front wall there is a large cross which is tilted, and even if it is old it still exists.

Maple noticed something shining sparkling on the floor beneath it.

“This...?”

The identity of the light was a small bottle of glowing gas.

Maple looks at the information of the vial.

[Archangels' fragments]

“It is somewhat amazing.....”

Maple took it as an important item and headed for the girl as soon as possible.

Maple gently opens the door of the lady's house and enters inside.

“Sir Knight... What's happen?”

“There is something I want to try for a bit”

Maple standing right next to the sleeping girl, took out the small bottle from the inventory and opened the lid.

At that moment, the girl's body starts to shine dazzlingly.

“Uwa!?”

“Sir Knight! What's happening!”

“E, i, I can't see it!?”

The glow that overflowed from the girl formed a beautiful woman shape this time the same manner as when the light shaped the letters before.

While staring at the lady where Maple is standing she began to speak.

“Thank you. I was about to take away this child's life”

“Wa, ha~a... so, that was happening?”

“To you, a part of my strength... with this I can finally return home...”

In the end the light rushed to heaven and disappeared.



At the same time the girl wake up.

“What... Mother...?”

“A, a... āaa!”

The lady hugs the girl.

The girl seemed have no idea on what is happening.

“I wonder if it is a onetime occasion...?”

Although the way it ended was not understood by Maple, she was convinced because the display of Quest Clear was out.

Maple gently got out and confirmed the skills she got.

“[Dedicated charity]... uwa..... What is this”

Maple murmurs while checking the details of the skill.

And she thought of something and started running toward the guild home.

“Izu-san!”

“...What's wrong? Why are you in such a hurry”

“I want you to make a set of equipment, but... can you do it?”

“Well... I can do it but I want to know what kind of equipment it is... is there something wrong?”

“.....Because I do not understand it well, will you come with me for a while?”

“Seriously... What happened...?”

Maple headed for the field with Izu.

And Maple used the new skills.

Five days from that day.

When Izu logged in she thought about the equipment at the workshop and kept making prototypes until she was satisfied.

“Not like this... Equipment suitable for it is not like this...!”

Such voice was echoing in the workshop.

# Chapter 63

## Defense Specialization and Dedicated Affection

Five days had now passed since Maple asked Izu to make a full set of gear for her. Just as Maple finished logging in and appeared in the guild home, Izu came walking out of her workshop.

“Maple, your gear... it’s ready.”

“Really!”

“Yes. Here, I’ll show it you.”

So saying, Izu pulled out a full set of white armor, a large shield, a short sword and a platinum tiara.

Each piece of gear was set with precious blue stones in different places.

Overall, it had the look of a holy knight, minus the tiara.

“Have I become a knight now?”

Maple put on all of the new gear and then checked her stats.

(Arcangel Tiara X)

HP + 250

(Archangel White Shield IX)

HP + 300

(Archangel Holy Sword VIII)

HP + 200

(Archangel Holy Armor IX)

HP + 350

“What are these numbers like X and IX...?”

Maple asked.

“Those are numbers you get from the *‘reinforcement’* which can only be used with gear made with the *‘forging’* skill. Gear made with *‘forging’* cannot use skills like other gear used in other events, so it’s a merit that makes up for it.”

“Oh, I see...”

“The success rate of *‘reinforcement’* changes depending on the *‘forging’* skill... It takes a lot of luck to reach the biggest number that is X.”

Izu had somehow made a top-class set of armor without compromising.

After that, she spilled that it was two levels stronger than the set she had made for Chrome, but Maple was too busy checking her gear to notice her say this.

As Maple continued with her inspection, the rest of the remaining four guild members arrived at the guild home.

“Hm?... Oh! So that’s the gear Izu has been making. It really suits you. It makes me want some new gear too...”

“It makes me scared just thinking of what caused Maple to want new gear...”

“Ah, that’s it...”

“Maple, you look really good in white!”

Chrome, Sally, Kasumi, and Kaede all said.

“So... Do you all want to go and fight? I’ll explain just why I had a new set of gear made on the way.”

Everyone agreed, as long as they could see the reason behind all of this.

Even Izu said she would go, as she wanted to see the gear do it.

“Is this a good spot?”

Maple put everyone on board the Syrup and flew towards an area that was known to have monsters in large packs.

“Well... here I go!” *Dedicated Affection*!”

A red damage effect burst from Maple’s body.

As soon as it cleared, a circular area around Maple that was ten meters in diameter began to glow.

And that wasn’t the only thing that happened.

Two wings that were pure white grew from Maple’s back and a white, glowing ring appeared above her head.

Her hair had turned into a brilliant gold, her eyes were now a deep blue.

“WHA...?”

“I was surprised too, at first.”

“Ahaha... My appearance changes... Ah, here come some monsters.”

For a moment the other four were too stunned to move, but then they realized that anything could happen when it came to Maple, and so they changed their mode of thinking.

They had gotten quite used to her by now.

“Everyone! You will be able to block any attack now!”

“I’ll do it... The others won’t know how, yet...”

Izu said as she started to walk towards the monsters herself. A blow struck her body.

However, her HP did not move an inch.

“Huh? What does this mean?”

“It’s Maple’s skill... Apparently, everyone who is in this circle will constantly have ‘cover’ activated for them...”

“Though it will cost you a little HP at first.”

Izu had made the set of gear to offset the HP cost.

Just like ‘Hydra’, ‘Dedicated Affection’ was a skill that came with several other skills. This meant that even now, there were other skills that Maple hadn’t shown yet.

And she had to pay the cost of each of those with HP.

Maple's previous set of gear did not have enough HP to offset the cost of all of them.

Furthermore, the new gear was completely forward compatible with '*Philanthropy Knight*'.

The extra quests were not just for show.

"...So in other words, everyone had the same defensive capabilities as Maple... Woah..."

As long as they were in the area, no one could hurt the other members unless they defeated Maple first.

But it would be incredibly difficult to defeat Maple.

It won't even be a fair fight unless you could do piercing attacks repeatedly on everyone.

And you would have to actually be hitting all of your targets.

There was no way you could hit Sally, and Chrome would block the attack with his great shield, and Kasumi was great at evading.

Kaede was the only fighter who could possibly be hit.

"But Maple, you changed your gear, right? Are you sure that you have enough defensive power to nullify attacks towards us...?"

"Don't worry! Even if I wasn't wearing anything, my vitality is over 1,000!"

"Haha... 1,000?"

Kasumi and Chrome thought that this was so crazy that they could only laugh.

The two of them decided that they would just stop trying to think about it.

As they rode Syrup on their way back, Chrome began to talk.

"I, I've been talking about Maple and Sally on the message boards, do you think that I should stop?"

"Hmmm... I don't really mind. Everything that I've told you can be told to anyone else."

“I agree with Sally, after all...”

“It won’t change what we do just because someone knows about it.”

Even if Chrome shared what he knew on the message boards, Sally’s ability to evade wouldn’t be affected, neither would Maple’s defenses.

Chrome didn’t know how to acquire the skills, so he couldn’t write anything too important.

It was not a big issue for either of them.

126 Name: Anonymous Shield User

Hey

127 Name: Anonymous Spear User

Yo

So you joined Maple’s guild...

I hate you! I’m so jealous!

128 Name: Anonymous Great Sword User

That’s so nice

I asked Sally to help me get close, but I don’t think it’s going to happen

129 Name: Anonymous Bow User

Give us information

You must have something

But I won’t ask for anything that you aren’t supposed to say

130 Name: Anonymous Spear User

It’s probably harder to give information now that they work together

Just tell us what you can

131 Name: Anonymous Magic User

Please

132 Name: Anonymous Great Shield User

Okay

First, about Sally

Sally is a PS non-human

From what I saw, she doesn't seem to be using any skills

She fought with quite a lot of monsters, but I didn't see her taking any damage

Also, there was some kind aura added

133 Name: Anonymous Bow User

I guess that thing from the event will be Sally after all

134 Name: Anonymous Great Sword User

She's even evolved

An aura he says

135 Name: Anonymous Spear User

Hmph

Sally does seem like she'd have some unknown skills

But not as much as Maple

136 Name: Anonymous Great Shield User

Next, about Maple

For the past few days, Maple has been off somewhere all alone

And when she got back



137 Name: Anonymous Great Sword User

Hurry up

138 Name: Anonymous Spear User

Hurry

139 Name: Anonymous Magic User

What happened?

140 Name: Anonymous Great Shield User

She was an angel

141 Name: Anonymous Bow User

We already know that Maple is an angel

142 Name: Anonymous Magic User

You're late with that one

143 Name: Anonymous Great Sword User

Maple is always angelic, right?

144 Name: Anonymous Spear User

Of course, she is

145 Name: Anonymous Great Shield User

Ah, well, alright

I will rephrase that

Maple returned with a skill that gave her an angel's halo, wings and blonde hair and blue eyes.

146 Name: Anonymous Spear User

Wha

147 Name: Anonymous Magic User

This is what happens when you leave her alone

148 Name: Anonymous Great Sword User

Why? Where did she get such a skill?

149 Name: Anonymous Great Shield User

I don't know

The skill name is '*Dedicated Affection*'

It apparently has a skill that uses your HP to constantly '*cover*' your party members

When Maple uses this all the party members within the circle will become invincible unless she is defeated

150 Name: Anonymous Great Sword User

So she finally got her second form

She should become the last boss, don't you think?

151 Name: Anonymous Spear User

A scene of hell will seem lukewarm

If you leave her alone eventually, it will happen

She will return with a third form

Definitely

152 Name: Anonymous Great Shield User

On top of that, I found out that Maple still has over 1,000 VIT when she removes all of her gear

153 Name: Anonymous Bow User

I don't even understand anymore

154 Name: Anonymous Spear User

1,000 without gear is crazy

Is her body made of steel?

Is she an orichalcum?

155 Name: Anonymous Great Sword User

But, it hasn't even been that long since Maple first started

We weren't even at the second level when rumors about Maple started to surface

There must be something on the first level

156 Name: Anonymous Great Shield User

I thought so too

But if that were the case, then there would have been a second and third Maple by now

157 Name: Anonymous Magic User

That's just it

I don't know why Maple is the only one who can do it

After that, everyone thought long and hard about it. But they could not discover the reason that Maple was able to gain those skills.

# Chapter 64

## Defense Specialization and Assistance

Stories focusing on Maple alone will come some other time.

Though, it will probably be after the eventual third level.

The day after Maple showed the other guild members her angel-like appearance and overwhelming power.

Chrome and Izu were talking in the hall right in front of the entrance to the guild home.

“Maple just keeps getting stronger, huh.”

“Really. I never get bored watching her.”

“But... you know...”

“Hmm?”

“I’m an inferior version of Maple, right!?”

“...Well, I suppose so.”

It was true that Chrome was below Maple in terms of both firepower and defense.

The only thing that he could say that he bested her with was PS.

“I need to find the meaning for my existence in this guild...!”

“Well, I can’t blame you for feeling that way.”

As the two of them talked, the doors of the guild home opened and Maple walked in.

“Speak of the devil.”

“Were you talking about something?”

“Yes, kind of.”

“I want to acquire some powerful skills like you, Maple.”

Chrome added that he wanted to have different skills than the ones Maple had. Maple smiled and cheered him on.

Chrome asked Maple for some advice on gaining powerful skills, but Maple just replied that she got most of them from randomly looking around. So her advice was not of much use.

“Hmmm... I can’t really help you today, but... That’s it! You can borrow Syrup! I’m sure it will be of some help...”

Maple said as she controlled the blue panel and removed the ring. She took the ring from her inventory and handed it over to Chrome.

“Are... you sure? This is your important gear. What if I never return it?”

“Are you not going to return it?”

“No, I would never do such a thing.”

Chrome denied strongly.

Chrome had no intention of doing such a thing.

“Then it’s fine!”

Maple said with a big smile.

Chrome then repeated to Maple that she shouldn’t lend important things so easily, even to guild members.

But Maple said that she just really wanted to help Chrome out, so Chrome carefully accepted the ring and left the guild home.

As Chrome walked in the field, he thought of what Maple had done a moment ago.

“Maybe I should ask Sally to warn her again later...”

Chrome was very happy that she put so much trust in him, but felt like it was a little too much trust. And so he decided to ask Maple’s friend, Sally, to repeat the same thing to her.

“...You have to be careful so you don’t get tricked by bad people.”

Maple was enjoying the game, but she still lacked experience.

She still did not know that much about happiness or sadness.

She hasn’t truly felt the presence of bad players yet.

Keeping away players that would try to exploit Maple’s lack of experience was one of the few things that Chrome could do, that Maple could not.

“And I want her to be able to enjoy the game.”

Chrome continued to move westward in the field.

“Well, as long as I’m borrowing it, I might as well use it. It would be rude to Maple if I didn’t.”

Chrome called for Syrup, but instead of making it bigger, he had it walk alongside him.

This was because he could not make it fly like Maple, so he felt there was no use for it to be so big.

“Oh... another monster.”

Chrome unsheathed his shortsword and held his great shield in front of him.

Three boar-type monsters had appeared.

And Chrome only had one great shield to go against them.

Of course, this meant that he would be directly hit if they all attacked at once.

“Grr... Maple would have gotten through this without taking any damage!”

He slashed at the monster who rammed into him and moved out of the way with a backstep.

A red effect flew through the air.

The boars attacked him, but they bounced off his great shield.

“‘Pierce’!”

Chrome activated the skill and released a sharp thrust.

His short sword hit the boar that had bounced off his shield, taking away its HP.

Furthermore, Chrome's own HP was recovering as this happened.

Chrome used a great shield which was not the greatest for an offensive stance, but it was not by chance that he ranked number 9 in the first event.

Chrome had one skill that the average player did not have.

*'Battle Healing.'*

While in combat, his HP would recover 1% every 10 seconds.

With this skill, high defensive capabilities and his persistence to fight, Chrome was able to place 9th.

Chrome looked weak if you viewed Maple as the standard, but if the average player was the standard, then Chrome was still quite formidable.

All the players who made it into the top 10 at the event had some kind of strong skill.

But Maple's skill was especially strong among them, which made her stick out the most.

Chrome allowed Syrup to attack as well so they could share the experience points. Then they continued on to the west.

Chrome arrived at a western wasteland.

"I haven't explored this area yet, so let's start from here."

As Chrome continued to search the wasteland, he found a small, old-looking tombstone.

Any player would have inspected further if they found something this special, and Chrome was no different.

And so Chrome walked towards the tombstone. He was not able to do anything when the ground disappeared beneath his feet while he was one step in front of the

tombstone, and so he fell into the pit.

Chrome picked himself off of the ground.

There was an endless tunnel leading out in front of him.

“Huh...? Is this a hidden dungeon?”

Chrome looked around and saw that Syrup had followed him down here.

“Really... I think some spirit could be haunting Maple?”

Chrome started to feel like anything that involved Maple had a tendency to turn very strange.

However, it was very much Chrome’s actions that got him in this pit, not any mysterious influence of Maple.

Sally, Maple, Kasumi, Kaede, even Izu, they all had something that no one else had.

Even Chrome had something that no one else did.

That was his overwhelming number of deaths.

He had died so many times trying to master the great shield. Because of his low firepower, he could not deal with the monsters quickly enough and would become surrounded.

It took him a long time to become adept with the great shield.

And that meant that his death count increased.

Even then, Chrome continued to train.

He made up for his lack of talent with time and effort.

*‘Battle Healing’* was something he just happened to acquire during his many deaths.

All his skills, all his techniques were earned through death.

This dungeon’s name was ‘Grave of Ghosts.’



Maple and Sally would not have been allowed to enter this dungeon.

The only players that were allowed inside of this dungeon were players like Chrome, who had died and resurrected over 1,000 times.

Chrome is so overprotective.



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